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## Mission:

The College of Social Sciences and Public Policy is dedicated to providing students with the highest quality instruction and conducting research that serves society. Our students and faculty generate new knowledge that enhances the discussion of important social, economic, and public policy issues and leads to innovations in industry, government, and non-profit organizations. We prepare our students for meaningful careers, advanced professional training, and an active role in public life.

The College's strategic plan is to build on our existing strengths to:

- transform the educational experience for our most outstanding students;
- initiate new programs to help prepare tomorrow's leaders in business, politics, government, and the non-profit sector for a global society;
- build world class research and teaching programs focusing on issues related to equality of opportunity, aging, and health that are critical to the state of Florida;
- develop an international research and teaching program on the impact of culture and social and political institutions on such issues as poverty, economic growth, terrorism, and international relations;
- use our path breaking research to generate innovative solutions to economic, political and social problems; and
- achieve top quartile status among public institutions for all of our Ph.D. programs.

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Dear Friends,



It is a pleasure to report that the College of Social Sciences and Public Policy has had another banner year. Our enrollments have continued to grow much faster than those of the University as a whole. Over the five years ending in 2009 the College's growth was 14.2 percent, a figure that dwarfs the university-wide enrollment growth of 3.2 percent.

And our students are among the University's best. The Office of National Fellowships has a Hall of Fame that honors those students who win prestigious national awards. Although the College accounts for 12 percent of the University's enrollment, 40 percent of the students in the Hall of Fame hail from the College. FSU also had two finalists for the Truman Scholarship this year: both Dustin Daniels and Jesse O'Shea are graduating with social science majors.

Our faculty excels in teaching, research, and service. Almost 9,000 students evaluated their teachers during the fall 2009 semester and more than 80 percent rated their overall performance as "excellent" or "very good." Even though we are serving more students with smaller budgets, the faculty continues to offer individualized instruction in directed independent studies and supervise Honors in the Major thesis projects. In this report we document an exciting new "Research Intensive Bachelor's Certificate" program that is offered by the political science department. Undergraduate students work closely with faculty and graduate students on research projects after they have taken at least three courses on quantitative methods and research design.

Our political science department continues to be recognized as one of the finest in the nation. Emory University recently ranked political science departments by the number of articles they produced in the most prestigious academic journals. FSU tied for fourth with Columbia and the University of California, Berkeley and outranked the likes of Ohio State and Harvard. Department Chair Dale Smith notes that this result is even more impressive because FSU has fewer faculty members than the other highly ranked programs.

Our faculty are primarily responsible for teaching and research but they also spend many hours in department, college and university committees. Budget cuts have reduced the number of full time faculty and we have more students, so all of our teachers must engage in more service duties. These include advising students, directing graduate theses, and serving on committees concerned with admissions, curriculum, and general administration. These are unsung contributions, but they are crucial to the operation of the University and I want you to know that our faculty and staff do an excellent job in these areas.

More than a decade ago, under the leadership of Dean Marie Cowart, the College decided to create applied master's programs that would complement the professional M.S. programs in Urban and Regional Planning and the Askew School of Public Administration and Policy. We envisioned programs that would enhance employment opportunities for excellent undergraduates who did not have an interest in pursuing a doctorate degree.

These programs have been an outstanding success. Two of these programs are described in this report: Applied Economics and Geographic Information Science. These one-year programs greatly enhance the professional opportunities of the students completing the degree. Our commitment to foster the aspirations of our best and brightest students is reflected in these programs and those in Public Health, Demography and Population Health, and Applied Politics.

I hope you will join us for our Homecoming events this year. We will have our Distinguished Alumni Award presentation at a reception on Friday, November 5 in Bellamy 150E at 3:30-5:00 p.m. On Saturday three hours before kickoff we will have a tent at the Alumni Association's Festival of Colleges between the football and baseball stadiums.

Anytime you are on campus I hope you will stop by my office in Bellamy 160 to say hello.

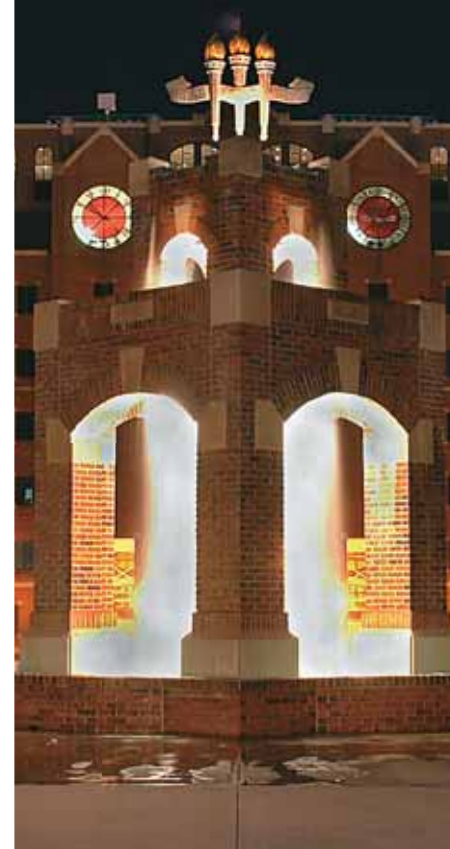
Best wishes,

David W. Rasmussen, Dean



DAVID W. RASMUSSEN

*Dean of the  
College of Social Sciences  
& Public Policy*



# STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

International affairs major **Marie LeBlanc** (double major in Spanish/French) was a finalist for the Pickering Graduate Foreign Affairs Fellowship.

Senior **Eric Carr** (geography) was invited to attend the Clinton Global Initiative University which was held in Miami. This program is designed to engage the next generation of leaders on college campuses to help solve global problems. Eric's project is to improve energy efficiency in the least efficient buildings on our campus.

**Lisa Vera** (urban and regional planning) received an FSU Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award.

**Andrea Arce-Trigatti** and **Jennifer Campbell** (both from international affairs) served as Gubernatorial Fellows for 2009. This program provides leadership training to outstanding students who are interested in public service.

**Caitie Finlayson** (geography) was awarded an Outstanding Teaching Assistant award for her work in the hugely popular class on the geography of religion.

The College was proud to nominate **Elizabeth Pagan** for the FSU 2010 Humanitarian Award. She is regularly on the Dean's List and has been awarded numerous academic honors. Her service hours are among the highest in the College and her humanitarian work involves extensive teaching and volunteer work in both Africa and the United States.



**Aleksey Sanchez** was one of 20 students in the nation to receive a 2010-11 Thomas R. Pickering Graduate Foreign Affairs Fellowship. Aleksey graduated magna cum laude in May with degrees in Russian and international affairs. He will use the fellowship, which pays up to \$50,000 a year for graduate study, to get a master's degree in international affairs at George Washington University.

Three students in the College of Social Sciences were among 60 nationwide who received Emerging Scholar Awards from the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society. This award is given to promising sophomore students to encourage them to seek knowledge and experience in their field of study. **Monica Moore**, of Lynn Haven, Fla., and **Christian Nunez**, of Lutz, Fla., are both political science majors and **Kristin Phillips**, of Daytona Beach, is focusing her academic career on international affairs. All three are participants in the university's Honors Program.



**Jesse Klein** (sociology) received the 2010 Outstanding Senior Scholar Award which goes to students who successfully complete an Honors in the Major thesis and graduate summa cum laude.



**Dustin Daniels** (economics and international affairs) and **Jesse O'Shea** (interdisciplinary social sciences and biology) were finalists for the prestigious Truman Scholarship. Jesse was also one of 20 undergraduates from across the nation to be named to USA Today's All-USA College Academic First Team.



**Shaina Hyder** (sociology) and Richard Benson (economics) have been awarded Fulbright Scholarships. Shaina will be doing research on women garment workers in Bangladesh while Richard will teach English and do research in Turkey.

**Robert Jakubik**, an international affairs and criminology major, served as president of the Student Government Association for the 2009-10 academic year. He was born in Poland and plans to pursue a career in foreign relations with the U.S. Department of State.



**Jaime Bayo** (public administration) and **Corey Nyako** (economics) have received the Honors Thesis Award. Jaime's thesis was directed by Dr. Ralph Brower and Dr. Randall Holcombe was Corey's thesis director.

**T**he M.S. in Applied Economics is designed to serve students who do not want to enter a traditionally academically oriented Ph.D. research degree. “Our program is very unique,” says program Director Stefan Norrbin, “because all of our core courses are separate from the Ph.D. program. Most economics departments offer a master’s degree as part of the doctoral program so students are not exposed to many of the skills a practical economist needs in non-academic jobs.”

The program is attracting very impressive applicants. Norrbin reports that many of the students in the 2009-10 entering class had GPAs and GRE test scores that would merit acceptance into a Ph.D. program.

Acceptance into the program is predicted to become more competitive in the future. Economics majors have dominated the applicant pool, but in recent years more students are applying from the College’s international affairs and Asian studies programs as well as from other universities. International affairs majors bring a global perspective, international travel experience, and fluency in a foreign language as well as the necessary economics background. Students with this multi-dimensional background are

ideally suited for leadership positions in the new global economy, according to economics graduate Thomas Leahey (B.S. ‘83).

Leahey, the chief financial officer for NetworkD, Inc., comes to campus each year to participate in the program’s professional development course. He says that “I am enormously impressed with the quality of the masters students; they are bright, ask great questions, and are obviously anxious to make their mark in the world.”

The Ralph Kaul Foundation has made a major gift to the program that provides scholarships for top applicants. The first Ralph Kaul Fellows, Daniel McPherson and Diana Saenz, were

named in the 2009-10 academic year. Daniel graduated with honors from the University of Florida with a 3.95 GPA as an economics major. After a brief stint as a consultant with Fishkind and Associates, he spent a year teaching English in China before entering the FSU program.

Diana has a GPA of 3.95 from Florida State’s Panama campus. Originally from Costa Rica, she moved to Panama City, Panama, before joining the Applied Master’s Program in the fall of 2009. “Having such outstanding students gives the rest of the class something to shoot for,” says Professor Norrbin. “We are grateful to the Ralph Kaul Foundation for giving our program this opportunity.”

## A Career Enhancing Move:

# THE MASTER’S IN ECONOMICS DEGREE

“The master’s degree I received was like that at most schools—we were second class citizens within a Ph.D. program. Florida State’s M.S. program is innovative and trains the kind of people I really want to hire.”

**Gregory Miller ((BS '78 and MS'80), the chief economist of Sun Trust Bank, participates in the professional development course every year.**





*Ralph Kaul follows Diana Saenz and Daniel McPherson*

## How would you like to invest in an opportunity that is expected to yield a rate of return exceeding 100 percent?

The applied master's degree in economics offers this deal to qualifying FSU undergraduates. A survey conducted by the National Association of Business Economists showed that getting a master's degree increases the average starting salary of economists by more than the cost of getting their degree at Florida State.

"Our program provides students with the technical expertise they need as they enter the marketplace, but we also want to provide professional development experiences that will hone their leadership skills. We expect that our graduates in the future will be leaders in all sectors of society." **Dean David Rasmussen**

# Political Science's Undergraduate Research is an Overwhelming Success

The political science department has granted certificates to the first group of students to complete its newest program, the Research Intensive Bachelor's Certificate (RIBC). This year-long curriculum began in the fall semester with a small group of undergraduates who progressed together through a series of political science research methods courses that culminated in an internship with the Center for the Study of Democratic Performance.

RIBC trains undergraduates in advanced research and analytical thinking in order to give them the foundation to become independent researchers. This is accomplished by facilitating undergraduate learning with small class sizes and academic research. With guidance from professors and graduate students, undergraduates create a forum for the free exchange of ideas as they progress together through the rigors of the RIBC curriculum.

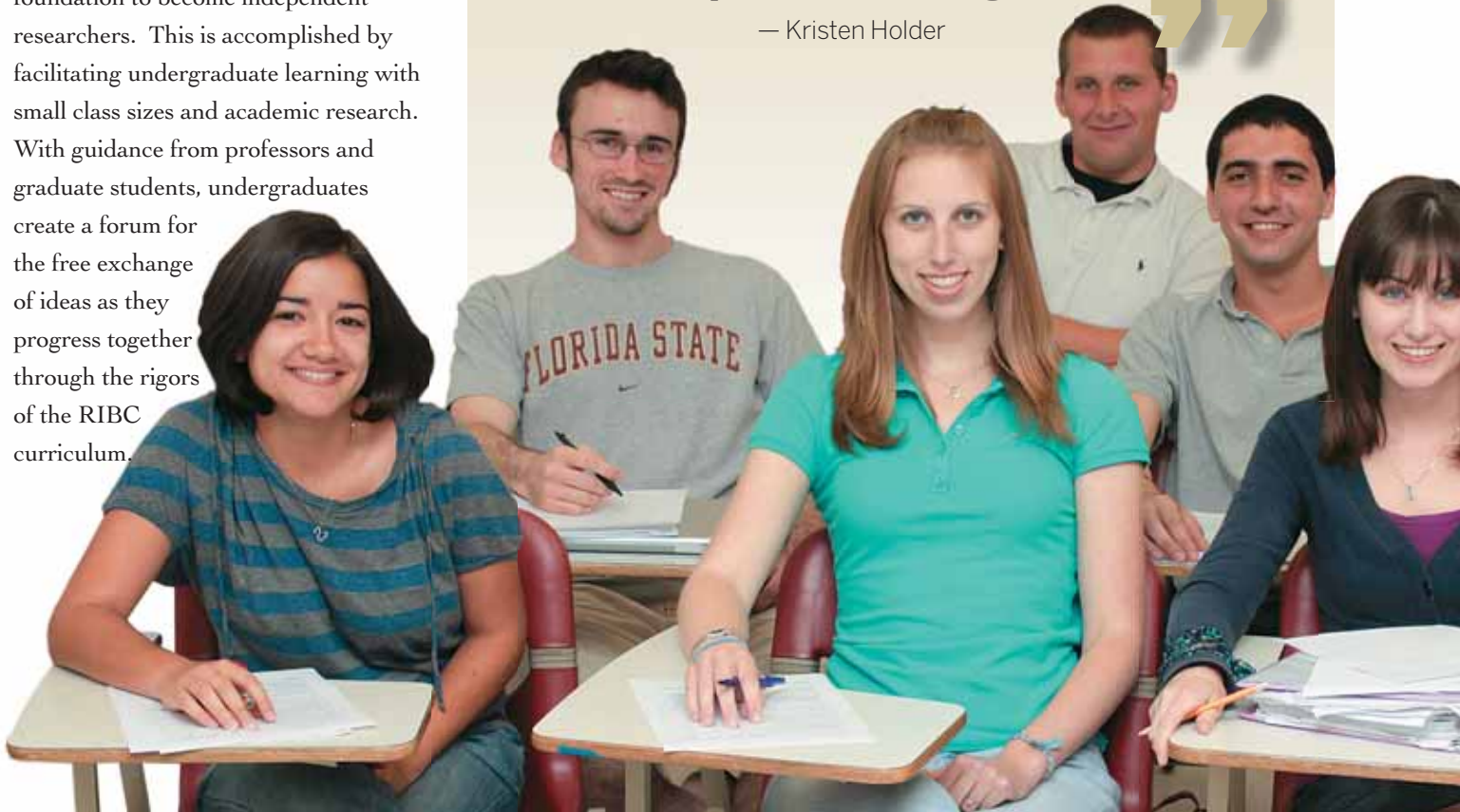
Undergraduates are often unaware of the innovative projects that are underway in the labs and offices that surround them. Instead, they view scholarship as dry or static – a series of “textbook facts” rather than the development of new ideas to challenge traditional understandings of political phenomenon. By combining the small

academic community typical in elite liberal arts colleges with the exciting research opportunities of a large university, the RIBC program offers undergraduates the opportunity to learn how to become part of the dynamic process of research.

Students in the program are working on diverse topics including

**“In other classes you are one in a swarm of students; in the RIBC, you receive one-on-one assistance from professors and spend many hours discussing projects that would be impossible in a large class.”**

— Kristen Holder





# Program

## Research Intensive Bachelor's Certificate

U.S. public opinion, state and federal environmental laws, human rights, representation, electoral systems, and jury decision-making.

Many students see the program's focus on independent research projects and their experience as research interns with faculty and graduate students in the department as an essential first step in developing an honors thesis project.

Jon Novak is hoping to continue his research project on interstate conflict well beyond the RIBC and is now considering graduate school – something that had not occurred to him prior to joining the program: "The RIBC program challenged me to think analytically while developing and applying innovative research techniques. This program is exceptional

preparation for graduate studies and markedly enhanced my learning experience at FSU."

Department Chair Dale Smith says, "This intensive program effectively combines the best of all academic worlds and allows students the opportunity to learn first-hand how new knowledge is created. Developing these research skills will serve these

students well in whatever paths they choose to pursue in the future."

For more information about the program, visit the website: <http://polisci.fsu.edu/undergraduate/ResearchIntensive.htm>.

### Lauren Bingham reflects on her RIBC experience

Lauren Bingham graduated last year and will be attending the University of Virginia Law School which accepted 360 students from 8,600 applicants. She believes that having RIBC on her resume and in her personal statement made

a difference because, as she says, "everyone applying has a

high GPA and LSAT score." Lauren wrote that RIBC

helps students headed to law school because "a big part of being in law school and being a lawyer is collecting

data that will support the argument you're

making. There is no 'right or wrong' answer

in many cases, it is what side has the

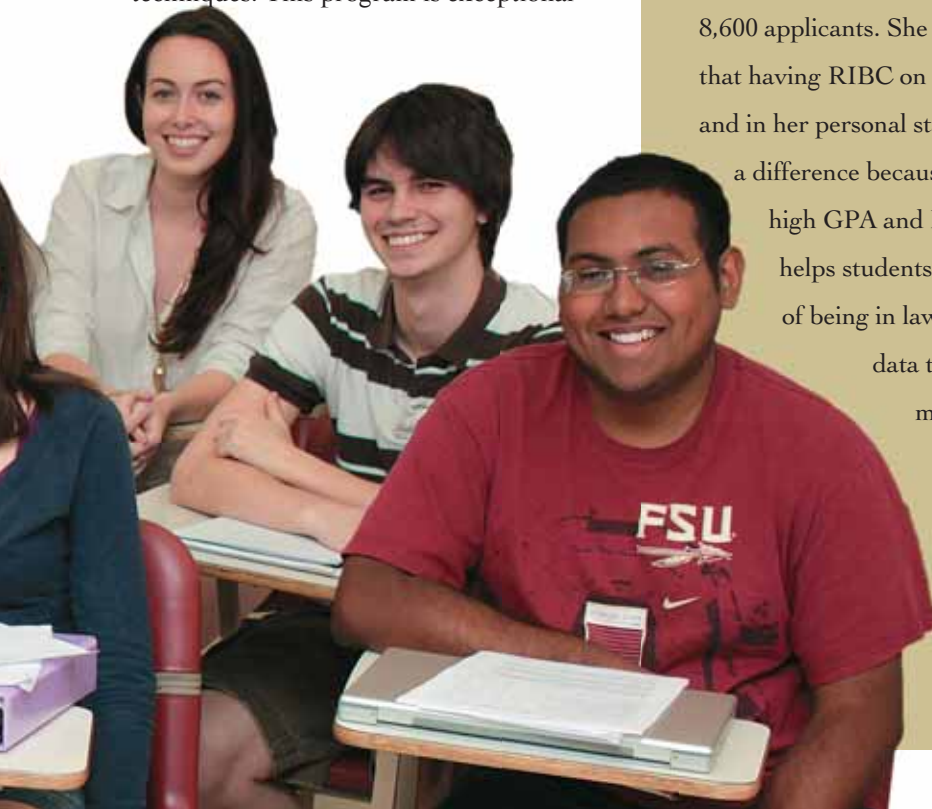
most compelling argument. I feel that

collecting data and writing those papers

for the RIBC helped me learn how and

where to get good data and how to craft a

logical theoretical argument."



# THE TORTURE PROJECT

The National Science Foundation has funded a project to collect data on the extent to which the military, police, prison, and other government agencies in various countries mistreat or torture those in their custody. Professor Will Moore (political science) is co-directing the project with one of his Ph.D. students, Courtenay Conrad, who joined the faculty at the University of California, Merced in August. The project has employed more than 20 undergraduate and a handful of graduate students, thus greatly enriching the research experience of international affairs and political science students.

Conrad and Moore began the project in September 2008 after they completed a comparative study of the practice of torture among democratic and autocratic governments. That research was published last April in the *American Journal of Political Science*, which is widely regarded as one of the top three most influential publications in political science. With the help of

their student assistants, they will be continuing their work.

The Torture Project has enriched the experience of an impressive group of students. During the project team members have studied abroad in China, Israel, Panama, Peru, and the United Kingdom. Other members conducted research in Kosovo, and did field work in Spain. Three of the students had domestic summer internships with the Center for Victims of Torture in Minneapolis, the American NGO Coalition at the International Criminal Court in New York, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Washington, D.C. One student is starting a master's program in human rights at the University of Denver, another recently won the nationally competitive Emerging Scholar Award, and a third won the political science department's Charles Billings Award for Public Service. Finally, two of the students on the project are members of FSU's Model UN team, which twice won first place at competitions this year.



Matt Carter, Marlee McCleary, Terry Rydz, Maggie Spicer, Will Moore



# GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS

## Master's Program Gaining Momentum

Beginning in 2005 with only 12 students, FSU's Applied M.S. in Geographic Information Systems (GIS) program has flourished. In the past four years, the number of students enrolled in this course of study has nearly quadrupled and the program has earned a sterling reputation in both the academic and business worlds for equipping its students with the skills necessary for a variety of geospatial applications.

The program's primary focus is Geographic Information Systems (GIS). GIS is the vocational implementation of computer-based spatial algorithms and their geographic and environmental applications. Simply put, it merges cartography

with database technology and allows us to integrate, store, edit, analyze, and display geographic information. Because many business decisions, social issues, and environmental problems involve subjects that are distributed over the landscape, FSU's Geographic Information Systems students have skills that are critical to solving many problems in contemporary society.

A unique niche for Geographic Information Systems-based research has been formed in the marketplace and the Master's program gives students the tools they need to take advantage of this. It is a resource for spatial research founded on geocoding and geo-statistics, whether it is identifying criminal "hot spots" in cities, tracking the migration patterns of endangered species, or determining the best locations for retail outlets. Geographic Information Systems is becoming a necessary tool in any

research involving populations, locations and movement. And with a growing demand from the public and private sectors for people proficient in Geographic Information Systems, the Master's program opens up an amazing array of careers.

As a non-thesis program, the Geographic Information Systems master's program attracts a group of students as diverse as the job opportunities available to them. Currently students hailing from eight different FSU departments and five different FSU colleges are enrolled in Geographic Information Systems courses at the graduate level. Lauren Bowman is thrilled about opportunities Geographic Information Systems is unfolding for her. "I feel that this one-year master's program, combined with my undergraduate honors degree in political science, is going to provide excellent employment opportunities. The quality of instruction has been wonderful and professors have been very helpful."

Brenda Green, a 2006 graduate of the Geographic Information Systems master's program, now works for Geographic Information Systems & Communication Services at the John Scott Dailey Florida Institute of Government. She says, "My time as a Geographic Information Systems graduate student was time very well spent. My professors shared information and insights into cutting edge technologies, and instilled the ideals for utilizing these technologies for the benefits of humanity."

*Lauren Bowman and  
GIS lab director Shawn Lewers*



# LEADERSHIP EMERGES

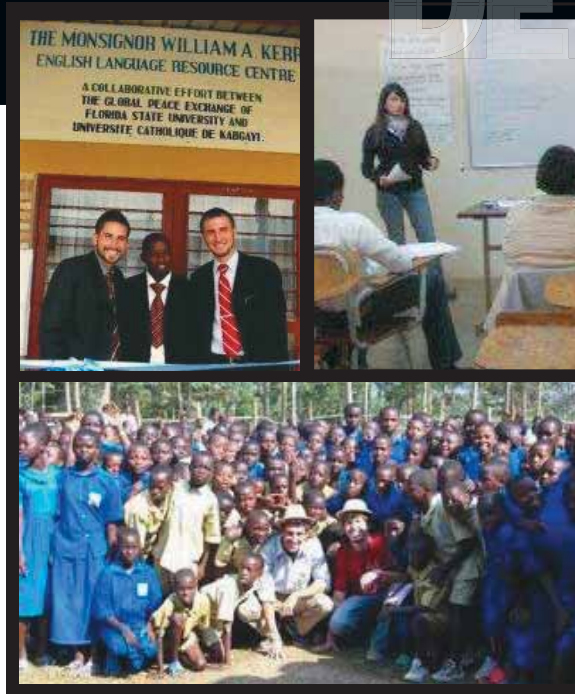
from the College of Social Sciences and Public Policy

**OVER 3,200 UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ARE MAJORING IN THE DEPARTMENTS AND PROGRAMS** that make up the College of Social Sciences and Public Policy.

Among them are hundreds of students who have demonstrated extraordinary drive, creativity, and leadership qualities in their involvement in student organizations, internships, and service activities. In addition to these exceptional undergraduates, we have more than 600 master's degree students who stand poised to take on the responsibility of leadership roles in their careers and their communities.

The College of Social Sciences and Public Policy has a long history of producing leaders. Since former Gov. Reubin Askew served a term as president of the Student Government Association (SGA) in 1951, students from the College have regularly served in leadership positions. A majority of SGA presidents in recent decades have hailed from the College, including current SGA President Dustin Daniels.

FSU students regularly win prestigious national and international awards and the FSU Office of National Fellowships honors these students in its Hall of Fame. While our College accounts for 12 percent of the FSU student body, approximately 40 percent of all Hall of Fame members have a social sciences degree. The College has produced two of the three most recent FSU students who received the Rhodes Scholarships, Garrett Johnson (B.S.



*Dustin Daniels, James Arinaitwe and Nick Fiore at the William A Kerr Center in Rwanda; Marco Barbieri and Nick Start with children of the Bukomero Primary School*

'07) and Joe O'Shea (B.S. '09). This success comes as little to surprise to Dean Rasmussen who says that "it is the College's job to prepare students for meaningful careers and we want to prepare them for leadership positions in the public and private sectors as well as in non-profit institutions."

We intend to continue this rich legacy of leadership. A major goal of the College's 2010-2015 development campaign is to enhance our students' opportunities for personal growth and development inside and outside of the classroom. This in part will be achieved by increasing opportunities to participate in student-run organizations.

Our major thrust, however, is to

## LEADERSHIP AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM INCLUDES:

- **training in leadership skills**
- **negotiation and mediation training**
- **research internships with faculty**
- **off-campus internships**
- **service and service learning**
- **international study experience**
- **meetings with community, business, and political leaders**
- **international and intercultural dialogue**
- **opportunities for involvement in professional organizations and**
- **symposia and seminars on current domestic and international issues.**



# PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

**Three social sciences students were among 60 nationwide who received Emerging Scholar Awards from the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society**

provide financial assistance to an annual cohort of juniors and seniors to develop their full potential through a Leadership and Professional Development program.

Our goal is to provide our bright and ambitious students an opportunity to create an undergraduate record that will open doors and enable them to effectively

contribute to organizations in all sectors of the economy and in their communities, the state, and the nation.

## INTERCULTURAL DIALOGUE AND LEADERSHIP

Regardless of their nationality, academic training or profession, leaders are expected to communicate effectively and to resolve disputes of various kinds. Sadly, on both the national and international scene, such disputes increasingly have had cultural and religious overtones. In recognition of this fact, the College launched the William A. Kerr Intercultural Education and Dialogue Initiative in November 2009. The Initiative is a testament to the vision and achievements of Monsignor Kerr (1940-2009), an FSU faculty member and Catholic priest who worked tirelessly for international and interfaith understanding throughout his career.

The Kerr Initiative is international and multi-disciplinary in scope. Its mission is to impart to FSU students and to emerging leaders throughout the world the motivation and skills required for the peaceful resolution of conflict and the advancement of human rights. It does so through:

- The recruitment and sponsorship of Kerr Fellows from developing and post-conflict countries. Upon completion of masters' degrees, the fellows are expected to return home, committed and prepared to contribute to the advancement of their societies. In 2010-11 there are four fellows on campus, representing four nations (Uganda, Rwanda, Indonesia and Palestine/Gaza) and four academic disciplines (public health, mechanical engineering, public administration and international affairs). Their presence has already enriched the university community in multiple ways.
- The sponsorship of summer institutes to prepare emerging leaders from the United States and other nations to resolve conflicts that are exacerbating tensions within and between countries. Institute participants strive for proficiency in intercultural communication, conflict resolution and consensus building. As noted above, such skills are required of effective leaders in multi-national and multi-ethnic settings. The first 6-week institute took place last summer. It was an intensive pilot course offered to 28 FSU students from a variety of nationalities and professional backgrounds. It focused on leadership skills, human rights and, specifically, on how standards of equality, fairness and social justice can be applied to resolve interpersonal as well as community, national and international conflicts.
- The expansion of international studies and service placements for FSU students. Monsignor Kerr believed fervently that American students must be prepared for leadership roles in the 21st Century. In doing so, they must be encouraged to pursue study and service opportunities beyond our country's borders. Consistent with this vision, the Initiative sponsors a range of cross-cultural opportunities for FSU students, both undergraduate and graduate. International service programs such as the Global Peace Exchange provide students hands-on public service experience as well as the chance to examine firsthand the most pressing development issues of our time.
- The establishment of partnerships with universities in other nations to expand opportunities for international service and to encourage collaborative research on how best to reconcile differences among cultures and faiths. Such encounters will produce policy recommendations as well as teaching materials suitable for classroom use at various levels. To date exchange agreements have formalized with two Islamic Indonesian universities (the Institut Agama Islam Negeri Al-Raney and the Syiah Kuala University) and with Koc University in Turkey.



*Monsignor Kerr*

For more information about the Kerr Initiative, you are invited to visit its website:

[www.dialogueinitiative@css.fsu.edu](http://www.dialogueinitiative@css.fsu.edu)

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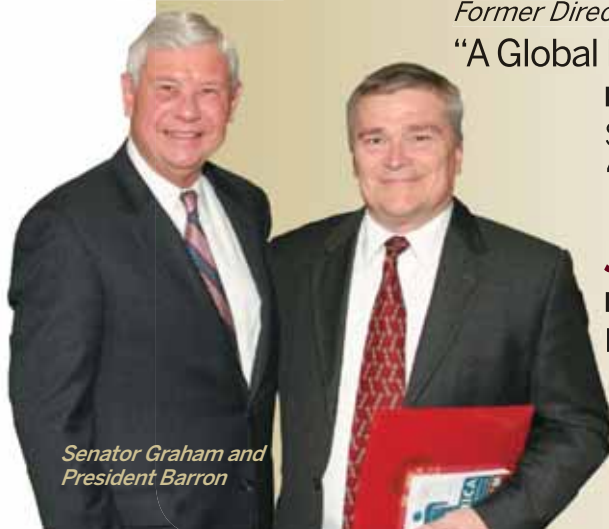
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*Edwin O. Stone Distinguished Professor of Public Administration,  
University of Kansas*

"Searching for Virtue in the Public Life:  
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*Senator Graham and  
President Barron*



# Distinguished Alumnus

**HARRY LERNER** is in the midst of a distinguished career in real estate development that began with a B.S. in economics (1982) and an M.S. in urban and regional planning (1984).

After graduating from FSU, Harry went to work as a planner for the City of Jacksonville where he was responsible for generating demographic information and monitoring development trends in the region. In 1986 he moved to the private sector and he served as a planning project manager for a number of firms engaged in single-use and mixed use development throughout Florida. Subsequent experience in large scale residential projects, land development operations, and commercial property sales led to his appointment as president of the Maxcy Development Group, Inc. of Tampa.

He is now responsible for providing asset management services to approximately \$300 million in real estate assets that include more than 12,000 home sites in 15

different communities and 200 acres of commercial property, multifamily, and office developments. He has been active in the Association of Florida Community Developers and the Urban Land Institute.

Department Chair Tim Chapin says that "Harry has been one of urban and

regional planning's most successful graduates in the area of real estate development and community building. Beyond working to create attractive, well-planned, sustainable new communities in different areas of the state, Harry has been an innovator in the area of real estate finance, helping many projects weather the recent economic recession. Harry has also been a great friend of the department, always willing to meet with faculty and share his expertise with students."

Dean Rasmussen will present Harry with his award during the Homecoming Weekend on Friday afternoon, November 5 at a special reception hosted by the College in the DeVoe Moore Center (Bellamy Building 150E) beginning at 3:30. Please join us for this event.



## Harry Lerner

# FACULTY



## Honors, Awards and Grants

**In their anonymous evaluations 59.7 percent of our students say their professors are excellent and another 23.8 percent say they are very good. In terms of respect and concern for students 83.5 percent of the faculty are rated as excellent or very good.**

**CAROL WEISSERT**, holder of the LeRoy Collins Eminent Scholar Chair in Political Science, was elected President of the Southern Political Science Association.

Claude Pepper Professor **IRENE PADAVIC** (sociology) received the Southern Sociological Society's Katherine Jocher-Belle Boone Beard Award for distinguished scholarly contributions to the understanding of gender and society. She also won the FSU Honors Thesis Mentor Award.

**JANICE MCCABE** (sociology) won a University Teaching Award for undergraduate teaching.

Fran Berry, Frank Sherwood Professor of Public Administration, is president-elect of the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration and was selected to be a Fulbright Scholar in Taiwan.

Augustus B. Turnbull Professor **RICHARD FEIOCK** (public administration) received a \$97,503 grant from the National Science Foundation to study the impact of economic stimulus on local government energy innovation and collaboration.

**PHILIP STEINBERG** (geography) received a \$377,000 NSF grant to conduct research on sovereignty claims in the Arctic. His work in this area has been quoted in many media outlets, including *USA Today*.

**TIM CHAPIN**, **PETER KOEPEL**, and **CHRIS COUTTS** (urban and regional planning) received a \$479,491 grant from the Florida Department of Community Affairs to fund a "Local Mitigation Strategy Program."

**TIM CHAPIN** was also re-elected to the Governing Board of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning.

**WILL MOORE** received a \$173,000 grant from the National Science Foundation to continue his comparative research on torture among countries.

**GOV. REUBIN O'D ASKEW** (public administration) received the inaugural Sunshine State Ethics in Leadership Award. This award is to be offered annually by the FSU College of Business.

Congratulations to **MANOJ ATOLIA** (economics), **BRAD GOMEZ** (political science), and **DEANA ROHLINGER** and **KOJI UENO** (sociology) for their promotion to the rank of associate professor.

*Chris Coutts, Peter Koepfel,  
and Tim Chapin from  
Urban and Regional Planning*







## DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

### ECONOMICS:

Bruce L. Benson, Chair

The economics department continues to be very productive in teaching with 455 undergraduate majors enrolled in the spring of 2009, along with 24 master's and 39 Ph.D. students. During the 2008-09 academic year, 205 bachelor's degrees were awarded as well as 29 masters' degrees, and seven doctorates.

Gifts from the Charles G. Koch Charitable Foundation and the BB&T Charitable Foundation allowed us to expand our Ph.D. program. A four-year BB&T Fellowship and two four-year Koch Fellowships were awarded to entering doctoral students for 2009-10 and two more four-year Koch Fellowships have been awarded to students who enter the program in August 2010. In addition, three students had BB&T Dissertation Fellowships in 2009-10 and two more are going to Ph.D. students in 2010-11.

Our faculty continues to be highly productive researchers, publishing over 90 academic journal articles as well seven

books and numerous book chapters. National Science Foundation grants exceeding \$1 million are funding work by David Cooper, Tim Salmon and Hyejin Ku. Tim Sass' research continues to be funded by the U.S. Department of Education, with a grant of \$600,000. Mark Isaac, Doug Norton, Svetlana Pevnitskaya and Dmitry Ryvkin are funded by grants of \$150,000 from the Institute for Energy Systems, Economics and Sustainability, while Tom McCaleb and Stefan Norrbin have \$125,000 from the State of Florida's Office of Demographic Research.

The department is pleased to announce that Manoj Atolia was promoted to associate professor with tenure. In addition, five new faculty members joined the department in 2009-10, and another starts in August 2010. Three - John Hamman (Ph.D., Carnegie Mellon University), Shi Qi (Ph.D., University of Minnesota), and Danila Serra (Ph.D., Oxford University) - are tenure-track assistant professors. We were able to hire John Hamman with funding from the Pathways of Excellence program in Experimental Social Sciences that

was awarded five years ago when a group of current faculty members were successful in competing for funding from this university-wide program. The other two positions are funded by a gift from the Koch Foundation to cover salary and benefits for up to six years as part of the recently created Program for the Study of Political Economy and Free Enterprise. The other two new faculty members, Joab Corey (Ph.D. West Virginia University) and Onnie Norrbin (Ph.D. Florida State), as well as Katie Showman (Ph.D. University of Florida) are teaching specialists. Joab Corey's position is funded by a gift from BB&T as part of the new Program for Excellence in Economic Education.

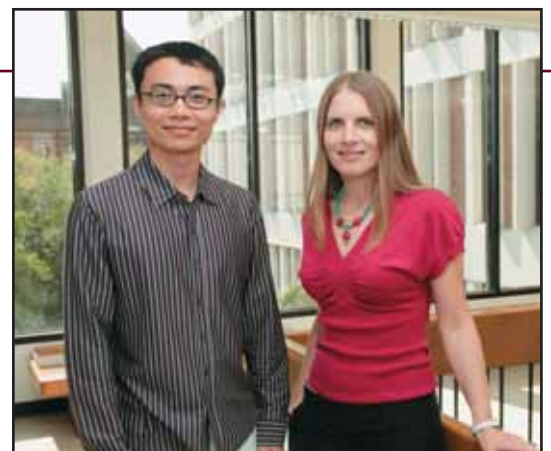
We are sorry to report that four faculty have left the department. Frank Heiland resigned to take a position with the City University of New York. In addition, Farasat Bokhari is moving to the University of London, Ron Cheung is moving to Oberlin College, and Tina Carter is teaching for the University of Phoenix.



*Joab Corey*

**Research by economics faculty is being funded by over \$1.8 million in federal and state grants.**

*Shi Qi and Danilla Serra*



## GEOGRAPHY:

Victor Mesev, Chair

The geography department continues to promote excellence in spatial research, particularly the development and application of geographic information systems (GIS) for dealing with many questions on human-environmental interactions. Indeed the department is rapidly building an enviable reputation for GIS research and teaching. The master's degree in GIScience has established national credibility in the way it balances theoretical developments in spatial representation with technical operations in spatial analysis.

Demand for our courses is high. Enrollment in geography is the fastest growing program in the College and may be the fastest growing program in the University. Undergraduate enrollment grew 49 percent in the five years prior to 2009-10. By comparison the College grew 14.2 percent while the university grew only 1.1 percent. Over the same time period graduate enrollment grew 92.8 percent, more than ten times faster than the University as a whole.

The faculty continue to do important work on measuring and analyzing environmental impacts of natural disasters. Jim Elsner is an international expert on hurricane tracking and is

now working on how the recovery from national catastrophes should be financed. Mark Horner's research contributes to the important literature on the spatial modeling of hurricane disaster relief. Jay Baker continues his work on household preparedness for hurricanes and evacuation issues with support from the Florida Catastrophic Storm Risk Management Center. He was a keynote speaker at the National Evacuation Conference in February and his work in organizing the National Hurricane Conference continues. Tony Stallins continues his research in climatological radar.

Lisa Jordan helped develop a web-based GIS tool for USAID that was used to plan responses to disasters and is expected to be incorporated into the USAID Famine Early Warning Systems website.

Tingting Zhao and Mark Horner have both been involved with FSU's Institute for Energy Systems Economics and Sustainability (IESES) initiative focusing on several projects that deal with interactions between transportation and energy consumption.

Xiaojun Yang published his book, *Remote Sensing and Geospatial Technologies for Coastal Ecosystem Assessment and Management*, and co-authored an edited volume, *Remote Sensing of the Earth Surface Process*. Xiaojun also co-chaired the scientific committee for the Second

International Conference on Earth Observation for Global Changes in Chengdu, China, and was honored as a senior investigator for an international research partnership project "Ecosystem Processes and Services."

Phil Steinberg's international reputation was enhanced when he was asked to join the editorial board of *The Journal of the Indian Ocean Region* and named reviews editor of *Political Geography*.

Finally, Victor Mesev continues to work on the complex measurement and analysis of urban structure and function as well as the use of GIS to unravel the distribution of sectarian-fueled deaths in Northern Ireland.

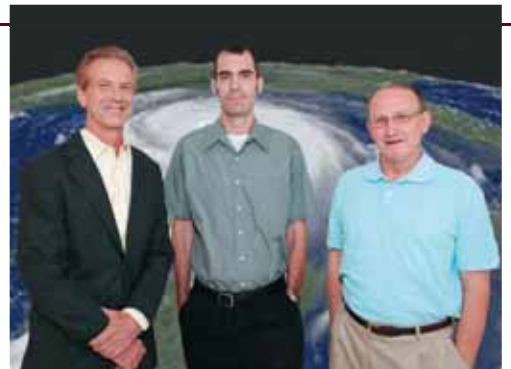
It's important to recognize that the geography graduate students are a vital part of much of the department's research. Emily Fogarty successfully defended her Ph.D. dissertation on network analysis of hurricanes affecting the United States. She is now on the faculty at a Long Island junior college and is the head of GIS at the Peconic Estuary Program. Kelly Watson also successfully defended her dissertation on the spatial impacts of tupelo honey production in Florida; she will be returning as a full-time teaching instructor in geography next year. The geography department would like to thank the front office staff, Brenda Daniels and Christina Dippre, for their hard work and dedication.

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*Philip Steinberg*



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*Jim Elsner, Mark Horner, Jay Baker*



## POLITICAL SCIENCE:

Dale Smith, Chair

Over the last three semesters (summer 2009 through spring 2010), 373 students have graduated with undergraduate majors in political science. This is the largest number we have ever produced in a calendar year. While we sometimes feel overwhelmed with the number of students, the department's faculty continues to provide our students with an exceptional undergraduate education and lots of individualized instruction in terms of directed independent studies and honors theses. As detailed elsewhere in this magazine, Professor Will Moore and doctoral student Courtenay Ryals Conrad received a grant from the National Science Foundation that has allowed them to hire a large group of undergraduates to work on their project developing a new dataset on torture.

Professors Jennifer Jerit and Jason Barabas received an NSF grant specifically for integrating undergraduates into their research project studying media effects. We are particularly proud of our new Research Intensive Bachelor's Certificate (RIBC) which provides our very best students a year-long, small-class curriculum that develops their research skills in preparation for graduate or professional schools. Please check out the feature article about the RIBC in this magazine.

In August 2009 the department of political science welcomed three new faculty. John Ahlquist (Ph.D., University of Washington) is teaching and doing research in comparative politics, international relations and political economy. The American Political Science Association's Political Economy section recognized his dissertation as the best written in that field over the last two years. Two faculty also joined the department as part of the Experimental Social Science cluster which is an initiative of the University's Pathways of Excellence. Eric Coleman (Ph.D., Indiana University) teaches and does research on public policy with a special interest in the environment, and John Ryan (Ph.D., UC-Davis) has a focus on American politics, with an emphasis on public opinion, voting, and elections.

We have two annual awards, each named for former political science faculty, which are given to top undergraduates. Last year the Thomas R. Dye Scholarship went to Tirajeh Zohourian and Margaret Spicer received the Charles Billings Award for Public Service.

We continue to attract exceptional students from across the nation into our Masters in Applied American Politics and Policy, and more of our undergraduates are deciding to remain for another calendar year to complete this program.

If you are interested in coming back for an advanced degree that will prepare you for a career in campaigns, lobbying, or consulting, please click the "prospective students" link at our website: [polisci.fsu.edu](http://polisci.fsu.edu).

Finally, the doctoral program continues to be one of the most productive in the country. Emory University recently published a study which counts publications in four of our most prestigious disciplinary journals. Our department ranked fourth in the nation. We were tied with Columbia, Berkeley, and New York University and ahead of Harvard – all of which have almost twice as many faculty as we do.

## SOCIOLOGY:

Ike Eberstein, Chair

The Department of Sociology is maintaining its national reputation as a leading center for health and aging. Jill Quadagno, Eminent Scholar and the Claude and Mildred Pepper Professor of Sociology, is the our most visible department member. An expert on health care and aging, she has thousands of citations, invitations to present before Congress, and experience as an advisor on aging issues to a 2008 presidential candidate. She is engaged in the national

### List top 10 political science departments

1. Princeton
2. Emory
3. Washington University
4. (tie) Florida State University
4. Columbia
4. UC Berkeley
4. UC Davis
4. NYU
9. (tie) Ohio State
9. Harvard

Margaret Spicer



Jennifer Jerit and Jason Barabas



Tirajeh Zohourian and Dale Smith

debate on health care and is active in the National Academy of Social Insurance.

Anne Barrett won an award for Theoretical Developments in Social Gerontology from the Gerontological Society of America. Professor Barrett presented her award winning paper, "Life Course Patterns and Perceptions: A Theoretical Development of the Subjective Life Course," at the annual meeting of the Society in Atlanta in late November.

Annette Schwabe was invited to co-lead a workshop titled Increasing Student Preparedness, Accountability, and Understanding: Impact of Team-Based Learning in the Classroom, at Duke University in November 2009, as part of the ACC Academy of Teaching Scholars program.

Many faculty members hold positions in the American Sociological Association. Among them are Anne Barrett, Karin Brewster, Irene Padavic, Patricia Martin, Kathryn Tillman, and Daniel Tope. Many also hold a number of editorial positions for professional journals. Jill Quadagno and John Taylor are associate editors and John Reynolds is on the editorial board of *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*. Jill Quadagno and Irene Padavic are Advisory Editors and Deana Rohlinger and Douglas Shrock are on the editorial board of *Social Problems*. Deana

Rohlinger and John Reynolds are on the editorial board of *Sociology Compass*. Dr. Rohlinger is also on the editorial board of *Mobilization: An International Journal of Research*. Ike Eberstein is on the editorial board of *Social Science Quarterly*. Miles Taylor is on the editorial board of *Demography*, and Padavic is on the editorial board of *Social Forces*.

The 2010 Sociology Department Awards Luncheon honored Professor Daniel Tope and graduate student Patrick McGrady for teaching excellence. Jason Sumerau won the Graduate Student Paper Award and Mandi Martinez won the Undergraduate Paper Award.

The department has undergone several transitions this year and anticipates more in the coming months. We are pleased to announce that Koji Ueno and Deana Rohlinger were promoted to the rank of associate professor with tenure, but are sad to announce that Jay Turner, Verna Keith, Robin Simon, and Donald Lloyd have left for other positions. In other transition news, Ike Eberstein assumes the department chair position in fall 2010, and Karin Brewster becomes director of the Center for Demography and Population Health. John Taylor will replace John Reynolds as Director of Graduate Studies.

## ASKEW SCHOOL OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND POLICY:

Earle Klay, Director

The units and faculty members of the Askew School of Public Administration and Policy have had a very productive year. The school is the editorial home of two of the major research journals in the field: *Public Integrity* for which James Bowman is editor-in-chief and the *Public Performance and Management Review* which Kaifeng Yang oversees as managing editor. The school's Florida Center for Public Management produced the nation's largest graduating class of new Certified Public Managers (CPM). Some 355 practitioners received their CPM certificates. The School's Center for Florida Local Government Excellence conducted eighteen training events throughout the state. Training topics included performance based management, working effectively with elected officials, and ethics in government.

The Askew School which, for the past three decades, has consistently been in the top ten programs nationally in the numbers of articles published in refereed



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Annette Schwabe

Ann Barrett



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journals had another banner year in publishing. The eleven faculty members with research assignments produced 30 refereed articles and 42 conference papers in addition to other activities such as textbook updates, book chapters, and applied reports.

Several faculty members received notable awards in the past year. Gov. Reubin Askew received the first "Sunshine State Ethics in Leadership Award" from FSU's College of Business. He was also recognized in March of this year by the Nature Conservancy "for years of leadership and dedication to Florida's future." Rick Feiock received two major recognitions. He was the recipient of the William E. and Frederick C. Mosher award for the best article published in the *Public Administration Review* written by an academic. In addition, the Florida Political Science Association honored him with its Manning J. Dauer Award for career achievement.

Fran Berry followed her two successful terms as school director with dual honors. She is president-elect of the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration and has been named a Fulbright Scholar to lecture in Taiwan. Also looking eastward, James Bowman was invited to deliver the keynote speech at the International Conference on Public Administration held in Chengdu, China. Bowman also was recipient of an award

for Best Paper in Ethics from the Johnson Institute for Responsible Leadership at the University of Pittsburgh.

The school was especially proud to announce that several of its graduate students also won significant awards. Doctoral student Anthony Kassekert received a National Science Foundation (NSF) Dissertation Improvement Grant award. Inwon Lee received an NSF Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models Scholarship award as well as a post-doctoral award from the Lincoln Land Institute. Jongsun Park received a dissertation award from the National Association of Counties. Finally, Bruce McDonald had a single authored article accepted for publication by *Administration and Society*, one of the leading journals in the field of public administration.

## URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING:

Tim Chapin, Chair

The last year has been one of the most successful for the Department of Urban and Regional Planning (DURP), with many student awards and substantial faculty impact through scholarship and outreach. This success was achieved despite a climate of fiscal uncertainty and

several faculty illnesses, both of which were overcome through the hard work of the entire DURP operation.

In terms of student awards, this has been a fantastic year. Not only have our students impressed with their talents and creativity, they have also gained national and international recognition. Among these honors were:

- Recently graduated planning and law joint degree student Jake Cremer was awarded the Student Planner of the Year Award by the American Planning Association (APA), Florida Chapter in Jacksonville in September 2009.
- Also at the APA Florida Conference, the Colquitt Sustainability Plan studio, directed by Melissa Saunders, was honored as the APA Student Project of the Year. This plan offers a vision for Colquitt, a small town in southwest Georgia, to become an international leader in the areas of community development and resiliency.
- During summer 2009, DURP students participated in an international studio in the Republic of Panama. Under the direction of Olmedo Varela of the FSU-Panama campus, the studio team completed a project, called "Seeds of Hope," a community redevelopment plan



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Tim Chapin

Rubin Askew



for Boca la Caja, a poor urban community in the heart of Panamá City.

- MSP student Seth Morgan won the award for the best student paper in this year's competition sponsored by the APA's Transportation Planning Division. His paper, "White Flint: Intense Transit Oriented Development for the Suburbs," received this award, with second place being awarded to a submission from MIT.
- Doctoral student Lisa Vera was recognized with an FSU Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award. Recipients of these awards are the very best teaching assistants in the entire university, and we are proud to see Lisa's excellence in the classroom recognized.
- Students in our Site Design class, directed by Melissa Saunders, won an honorable mention award at the Philadelphia Center for Architecture's 4th Annual Ed Bacon Student Competition. The competition, titled "Brown to Green," tasked participants with converting a former industrial area of South Philadelphia into a viable and sustainable urban center with a green future. This prestigious competition draws entries from the finest architecture, landscape architecture, and planning schools in

the nation.

As with past years, the faculty continue to make a great impact in Florida and beyond through their scholarship and funded research. Jeff Brown and Greg Thompson completed a study for the Mineta Transportation Institute. Their report, *The Influence of Service Planning Decisions on Rail Transit Success*, garnered national attention for its findings on the important role that multi-destination, networked transit systems have on system performance. Using funding from the Florida Division of Emergency Management, Tim Chapin, Chris Coutts, and Senior Planner Peter Koeppel, placed eleven interns, selected from Florida's three planning programs, with emergency management offices in Florida to help these communities update their Local Mitigation Strategies (LMS). LMS plans are important to minimizing the threats to life and property that natural disasters can cause. The department continues to undertake cutting-edge research on issues of direct importance to Florida and its long-term economic, environmental, and community health.

Beyond these awards and accomplishments, the department remained true to one of our core missions: training the next wave of planning practitioners and scholars, many of whom

will spend their careers in Florida. In the last year the department graduated more than 40 master's (MSP) students, as well two Ph.D. students. Despite the continued slow economy, many of these graduates have already found employment with local governments, state agencies, and private firms. One of our recent Ph.D. graduates, Huston Gibson, is set to take a tenure-track position in urban planning at Kansas State University.

The coming year also brings great promise for further accomplishments, as we welcome two new faculty members and another top-quality cohort of oncoming master's and doctoral students into the program. Will Butler (Ph.D., Virginia Tech with interests in environmental planning and consensus building) and Dr. Andrew Aurand (Ph.D., University of Pittsburgh with interests in housing and community organizing) join the faculty in August 2010.

Overall, the last year has been a remarkably good one for the department of urban and regional planning. The faculty, staff, and students appreciate the great support we have received from our alumni, friends of the program, and the many agencies, firms, and non-profits that hire our students, make presentations in our classrooms, and engage the department in professional work.



Will Butler and Andrew Aurand

Colquitt Studio

Melissa Saunders





## INTERNATIONAL STUDIES:

Lee Metcalf, Director

Students in the College's three international studies programs (International Affairs, Russian and East European Studies, and Asian Studies) have continued to receive many national honors. For the second year in a row, an international affairs major received one of 20 Thomas R. Pickering Graduate Foreign Affairs Fellowships awarded nationally. The fellowship funds graduate study for students seeking careers in the U.S. Foreign Service. This year's recipient is Aleksey Sanchez who graduated in spring with degrees in Russian and international affairs and will attend George Washington University in the fall. Aleksey was also awarded a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship in Moscow. Another international affairs major, Marie LeBlanc, was a finalist for the Pickering award. Caitlin Stull, a double major in international affairs and English, won a Boren Scholarship which will allow her to study a less commonly taught language in a region critical to American interests -- in her case Turkish. Two other international affairs majors, Arthur Pottenger and Terry Rydz, were named alternates. Anne Lippitt received a State Department Critical Languages Scholarship to study Arabic in

Amman, Jordan as well as an Outstanding Student Award by the Department of Modern Languages and Linguistics.

Our graduate students have also been active. Two international affairs graduate students, Andrea Arce-Trigatti and Jennifer Campbell, were among the six Florida State students selected as Gubernatorial Fellows. Carl Clement, a graduate student in Asian studies, presented a paper at a graduate student conference at the University of Hawaii, Manoa.

Our students have been participating in a variety of activities to gain experience and develop important contacts. In 2009-10, 35 students held internships both in the United States and abroad. They have interned in the United Kingdom, Israel, Spain, Croatia, Germany, and Italy with government officials, non-governmental organizations, and law firms. They have also interned with international organizations such as the World Food Program, federal agencies such as the Defense Intelligence Agency and the FBI, state agencies such as the Office of the Governor and the Department of Juvenile Justice, and University offices such as the Global Pathways program and the International Center. In the spring, a group of students also had the opportunity to participate in a crisis simulation with

analysts from the CIA and were able to experience first-hand how analysts are expected to respond to incoming information. Because the simulation centered on Korea, the real world crisis that resulted from the sinking of a South Korean naval ship had particular resonance for them.

To help our students gain invaluable international experience, we have also been awarding travel scholarships to students who are studying or interning abroad. Thanks to the generous support of the Thomas Culligan family, Reubin and Donna Lou Askew, Ronald and Ruth Hedge, Stewart Brown, the Shepard Broad Foundation, Carl and Joanne Blackwell, and the many alumni who donated to the College General Development Fund, this year sixteen graduate and undergraduate students from international affairs, Russian and East European Studies, and Asian studies were awarded \$1,000 travel scholarships to study in Croatia, Turkey, England, Russia, China, and the Czech Republic.

The Latin American and Caribbean Studies program has moved from the College of Arts and Sciences to join the other two area studies programs. We are looking forward to welcoming these students and seeing what our students will accomplish in the coming year.

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## DEVUE L. MOORE CENTER:

Keith Ihlanfeldt, Director

A central goal of the DeVoe Moore Center is providing students with an enhanced understanding of state and local government regulations and how these regulations frequently have unintended consequences on economies and individuals. The center achieves this goal using a variety of approaches. One approach is offering our own courses on state and local government regulations: two undergraduate classes and one graduate level workshop on state and local government regulations. The success of these classes is demonstrated by their growing popularity among the students. The instructional program on state and local government regulations provided by the DeVoe Moore Center is, as far as we know, the only one of its kind.

A second approach that the center takes to help students understand regulations is by sponsoring "Critical Issues Symposiums." These conferences give students two unique opportunities. First, they hear papers presented by national experts on government regulations. Second, graduate students have the opportunity to present research that they are doing with their

faculty advisor. The students cherish the opportunity to get feedback on their research from the experts, and the experience gained from making the presentation is invaluable to their subsequent success in the job market.

The center held two symposiums during the past academic year. The first was co-sponsored with the LeRoy Collins Institute and was entitled "States as Facilitators or Obstructionists of Local Government." The second was co-sponsored with the Center for Real Estate Education and Research, which is housed within the FSU College of Business, and focused on "The Economics of Information in Real Estate Markets." An important theme of this conference was the role the government should play in regulating real estate markets in light of the recent subprime mortgage market meltdown. The center is proud of the fact that almost without exception the proceedings of its Critical Issues Symposiums have been published in prestigious outlets. This is particularly helpful to our students, because it usually gives them their first publication. The papers of the first conference are forthcoming in special issues of *Publiw: The Journal of Federalism* and *Public Finance Review*. The journal outlet for the second

conference is *The Journal of Real Estate Finance and Economics*.

A third approach toward educating students on state and local regulations is to provide DeVoe Moore Dissertation Fellowships to graduate students who choose this topic for their doctoral dissertation. On average, since its inception the center has been able to provide four students from the College of Social Sciences and Public Policy with fellowships. Only the top students are able to win these awards. This year the fellowships went to Brad O'Connor in economics, Anthony Kassekert in public administration, and Daniel Scheller in political science. Congratulations go to these students for achieving this high honor.

## STAVROS CENTER FOR FREE ENTERPRISE AND ECONOMIC EDUCATION:

James Gwartney, Director

More than 70 economics teachers participated in the sixth annual workshop on "Creative Ideas for the Teaching of Basic Economics" held on the FSU campus February 4-5.

DeVoe Moore



Keith Ihlanfeldt

*A national ranking of universities by fields within economics suggests the DeVoe L. Moore Center is highly regarded. Two fields are most closely related to the Center: 1) law and economics and 2) urban and regional economics. In these areas of economics, FSU is ranked ninth and seventh in the nation respectively.*



Co-sponsored by the Gus A. Stavros Centers for Free Enterprise and Economic Education of FSU and the University of South Florida, this event rotates each year between Tallahassee and Tampa. Christopher Oakley, vice-president of the Jacksonville Branch of the Federal Reserve System kicked off the workshop with an address on labor markets in Florida and the United States. Other session leaders included Robert Higgs, economic historian and editor of *The Independent Review*; Mark Schug, long-time director of the Center for Economic Education at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee; and Kimmarie McGoldrick, the winner of this year's Outstanding Teacher Award of the Southern Economic Association. James Gwartney, director of the FSU Stavros Center and Joe Calhoun, the center's assistant director, also made presentations at the workshop.

On May 1, the center held a preparatory workshop for North Florida students taking the Advanced Placement Macroeconomics examination. This event was led by James Chasey, one of the nation's leading authorities on A/P economics. This day-long session is designed to direct the study plans of the students and enhance their knowledge in key areas of the A/P economics course.

## PEPPER INSTITUTE ON AGING AND PUBLIC POLICY:

John Reynolds, Director

The Pepper Institute contributed to important policy discussions this year, such as the on-going debate over health care reform in the U.S. In October 2009, Gary Fournier presented "The Role of Competition in Health Care Reform" at the Economics of Health Care Forum at Florida State University. Bill Weissert gave multiple public presentations on health care reform throughout the year. In April 2010, the Pepper Institute sponsored a talk at the FSU College of Medicine by Dr. Arnold Relman, Professor Emeritus of Medicine and Social Medicine at Harvard Medical School and former editor-in-chief of the *New England Journal of Medicine*. Dr. Relman's talk, "The Health Reform We Need, And Are Not Getting," argued for a single-payer system to a large audience of social science faculty, College of Medicine faculty and students, and area physicians.

During the past year faculty associates in the Pepper Institute on Aging and Public Policy actively

published in top academic social science journals, including *American Sociological Review*, *American Political Science Review*, *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, and the *Gerontologist*, among others. They were also active in obtaining external funding to support their research and creative activities, with active grants adding up to more than \$2 million. These grants came from the National Institute on Aging, the National Science Foundation, the Florida Department of Transportation, and the Bernard Osher Foundation. The quality of our associates' research was recognized in several national awards, including Anne Barrett's 2009 award for "Theoretical Developments in Social Gerontology" from the Gerontological Society of America.

Graduate students in the Pepper Institute won competitive awards to support their research on aging and policy issues. Benjamin Kail, Department of Sociology, was awarded the 2009-10 Claude and Mildred Pepper Dissertation Fellowship, funded by the Claude Pepper Foundation. His dissertation investigates the impact of retirement policies on the tendency of retired workers to return to the labor force. Ben graduates in summer 2010 and will begin a post-doctoral fellowship at Duke University. Another

## COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES AND PUBLIC POLICY FULL TIME ENROLLMENT

	Lower	Upper	Graduate	Total
2003-04	1,053.40	905.2	363.7	2,322.30
2004-05	1,192.40	973.2	375	2,540.60
2005-06	1,208.90	1,084.20	390.2	2,683.30
2006-07	1,205.10	1,159.00	407.8	2,771.90
2007-08	1,211.20	1,210.90	437.7	2,859.80
2008-09	1,171.70	1,301.30	460.6	2,933.60
2009-10	1,100.10	1,362.10	512.3	2,974.50
% Change	4%	50%	41%	28%

**Over the last seven years the College's enrollment grew almost twice as fast as the university. Enrollment growth in social sciences was especially rapid among juniors and seniors: 50 percent versus 16 percent for the university.**

student achievement was the awarding of an NSF Dissertation Improvement Grant to Russell Shekha, Department of Sociology, to study “Latin American Welfare State Spending: Religious Politics, International Organizations, and Human Rights.”

Three new affiliates joined the Pepper Institute this year, adding to our expertise on health and aging. Robert Glueckauf is a professor in the Department of Medical Humanities & Social Sciences of the College of Medicine. His current research, funded by the National Institute of Mental Health, studies the effectiveness of telephone cognitive behavioral therapy for depressed African American caregivers of family members with dementia. Marshall Kapp is the director of the new Center for Innovative Collaboration in Medicine and Law, and he is an expert on the legal aspects of elder care. The last new affiliate is Jeong-Su Kim, assistant professor in the department of nutrition, food and exercise sciences, College of Human Sciences. Kim has published extensively on age-related atrophy of skeletal muscles and other neuromuscular changes related to aging, exercise, and physical function.

The Pepper Institute also helped host a series of policy-related talks throughout the year. The speakers

included David Sanger, chief-correspondent of the *New York Times*; U.S. Senator Bob Graham; Frank Brogan, Chancellor of the State University System of Florida; Bill Law, President of Tallahassee Community College; Leon County Commissioner Bryan Desloge; and Tallahassee Mayor John Marks.

## CENTER FOR DEMOGRAPHY AND POPULATION HEALTH:

Karin Brewster, Director

This has been an especially good year for the Master of Science degree program in demography. For the third year, the program has implemented a twelve-month curriculum made up of courses in the Departments of Economics, Geography, Sociology, and Urban and Regional Planning. The strategy is successful in responding to student demand and meeting a need among employers. Enrollment and graduation are both up and placements are good.

During the past two years the M.S. in Demography program has graduated ten students. Five of these are working as applied demographers/analysts and five entered other graduate or professional

programs following completion of their degree. We expect a record fifteen students from this year's cohort to graduate in spring or summer of 2010. Six current students have been offered paid internships at the U.S. Census and these positions often turn into permanent jobs. We are very pleased with our students' success, particularly in this difficult economic environment.

Our alumni contribute to our students' success. Their generous financial contributions to the center have provided partial financial support for students' travel expenses to attend professional meetings sponsored by organizations such as Population Association of America. These meetings provide invaluable professional socialization as well as the opportunity to network with others in the field. Numerous students have also had both formal and informal meetings and interviews with hiring officials that in some cases led directly to internships or employment. We intend to continue and hope to increase the amount and number of these awards as our alumni support allows.

We have made significant and substantial efforts to publicize the M.S. in Demography program. Especially noteworthy is a “Demography Pipeline Program” jointly established with Fort Valley State University through the efforts of Jihad Yasin (FSU Ph.D., economics),

The Pepper Institute continues to sponsor the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at FSU. Cory Livingston, MSW, took over as the new director last summer. Under her leadership, OLLI offered 28 courses on wide-ranging topics such as Captain Cook and his World (taught by Edward Gray), The Sound of Movies (Don Ungurait), The Music of Irving Berlin (Gayle Seaton), Newspapers to Tweets: The Future of Communication (Bob Gabordi), and The Lucky Few: Between the Greatest Generation and the Baby Boom (Woody Carlson). OLLI members were very active this year attending FSU theater, opera, and orchestra productions, mountain biking, kayaking, encountering wolves at Seacrest Wolf Preserve, and going on overnight trips to Seaside and Atlanta. OLLI at FSU has over 350 members as of Spring 2010, up more than 50 percent in the past 12 months. The recent expansion of OLLI was supported by two \$100,000 grants from the Bernard Osher Foundation.



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Professor of Economics and Interim Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at FVSU. This program aims to identify and recruit talented undergraduate students from FVSU to study demography at FSU. Most of these students can receive out-of-state tuition subsidies from the SREB Academic Common Market. One "pipeline" student is on track to graduate this summer. We hope others will join us in the years to come.

The 2009 William J. Serow Scholarship for the top master's demography student was presented this year to Dillon Simon based on his high academic accomplishments and professional promise. Dillon came to FSU from his undergraduate work in consumer economics and finance at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and he leaves Tallahassee for an internship at the U.S. Bureau of the Census. Dillon will analyze data from a field test for the re-engineering of the Survey of Income and Program Participation. One interesting side note is that Dillon's master's paper will be an application of life table methods to analysis of career length among Major League Baseball players. This is a very creative and interesting application of formal demographic techniques. In addition, this is an especially appropriate topic for this year's Serow Prize winner

since Bill Serow was an avid baseball fan. Dillon is scheduled to complete his MS-Demography degree this August.

## LEROY COLLINS INSTITUTE:

Carol Weissert, Director

As the state attempts to balance increasing demands on services and falling revenues, its relationships with local governments have become increasingly strained and often uncivil. There are tough choices ahead for state and local governments that are being studied by a group of scholars working with the Collins Institute board.

Following months of research, the board will soon make recommendations on issues including city and county pensions and health benefits and the possibility of a new tax and spending limitation (similar to Colorado's TABOR amendment). Robert Eger and David Matkin from the Askew School of Public Administration and Policy are the lead researchers for these components. LeRoy Collins Fellows Jessica Ice and Jaclyn Bunch, doctoral students in political

science, are examining state mandates and the tradeoffs among spending priorities that counties and cities make. A comprehensive data set of municipal and county spending over the past thirty years has been compiled and will be made available on the Institute's website.

Carol Weissert, LeRoy Collins Eminent Scholar Chair, professor of political science and director of the LeRoy Collins institute is the principal investigator of the project which is funded by the Jessie Ball duPont fund and the Florida League of Cities.

In February the Institute, with funding from the DeVoe Moore Center, sponsored a seminar on "States as Facilitators or Obstructionists of Local Government." Some two dozen scholars from around the country participated in the three-day session. The papers from the seminar may be found at <http://collinsinstitute.fsu.edu/research/seminar-2010-02-25>. A special issue of *Publius: The Journal of Federalism* will be devoted to papers from the conference.

Allison DeFoor, a former county and circuit judge and sheriff of Monroe County, was recently elected Chair of the Institute Board. He succeeds former Senator Curt Kiser who left the board when he was named as general counsel for the Florida Public Service Commission.



*As part of the Center's training program, the 2010 Charles B. Nam Lecture was co-sponsored with the Pepper Institute on Aging and Public Policy. The Lecture was presented by Jan Mutchler, Professor and Chair of Gerontology at the University of Massachusetts-Boston. Her topic, "Antecedents and Consequences of Grandparent-Grandchild Co-residence," reflects the important issues of cross-generational relationships and the benefits of grandparents for grandchildren. These issues are increasingly important for populations throughout the United States. Pictured left to right: Woody Carlson, Jan Mutchler, Charles Nam, and Ike Eberstein.*

# DEVELOPMENT

## Your gift to the College's General Development Fund

**Your contributions to the general development fund provided \$1,000 travel scholarships for 11 students who studied in Croatia, Turkey, England, Russia, China, and the Czech Republic.**

### Enriches leadership opportunities

The College has a long history of producing leaders in business, government and the non-profit sector. Your contribution to the general development fund will help us support student organizations that provide leadership experiences. It will also be used to create a new leadership and professional development program that will help propel our best students to positions of responsibility.

### Provides scholarships for international study

There is growing recognition that international study helps students make their way in this increasingly global economy. Many recruiters from major corporations report that they favor candidates who have undergone this broadening experience. This past year the general development fund provided ten scholarships to study in the Czech Republic, China, Croatia, Turkey, Russia, and the FSU London Study Center.

### Assists first generation students in financial need

Students who are the first in their family to attend college and have demonstrated financial need can get help from FSU's Center for Academic Retention and Enhancement (CARE). This program has an excellent record of helping these students succeed at FSU. The Florida State Legislature in 2006 created the First Generation Matching Grant Program that provides about \$1.4 million in scholarship money for these students provided that the university matches the state contribution. Best of all, our development fund dollars that are used to support these young people who are most in the greatest financial need are doubled with the state match!

### Enhances careers of undergraduate students

Each department in the College offers a terminal master's degree that is designed to enhance the career opportunities available to our fine undergraduate majors. The financial burdens of an extra year of school are often difficult for these students so we are offering partial tuition scholarships from the General development fund to offset these costs. These scholarships have played an important role in encouraging our best students to enter these programs that greatly enhance their career opportunities.



*Kristin Phillips and Christian Nunez*



# 2009-2010 Development Highlights

Continued economic uncertainty affected investors and donors alike during the period July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010, but we are pleased to report that the number of donors to the College rose by 35% over the previous year. Total giving to the College during that time period was \$1,321,018 from 1,082 donors. Notable gifts and commitments received during 2009-2010 included the following:

- The Charles G. Koch Charitable Foundation of Arlington, VA made a pledge commitment of \$272,908 over four years to fund two Ph.D., fellowships in the economics department.
- Friends of the late Monsignor William Kerr raised a total of \$272, 417 in gifts and pledge commitments for the Monsignor William Kerr Intercultural Educational and Dialogue Initiative. Lead gifts and commitments included Marianne and Roger Staubach's \$100,000 pledge commitment over five years for current support of the Dialogue Initiative and Eileen and Tom Culligan's \$100,000 endowment commitment over five years to establish and fund the Eileen R. and Thomas M. Culligan Endowment Fund to help support scholars within the Monsignor William Kerr Intercultural Education and Dialogue Initiative.
- The Bernard Osher Foundation of San Francisco, CA made two awards totaling \$125,000 to help support the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) within the Pepper Institute on Aging.
- Dr. Albert Trull, Jr. included in his estate plan a bequest provision currently valued at \$80,000 to establish and fund the Dr. Albert Trull Graduate Scholarship Endowment Fund in the Department of Urban and Regional Planning to help support DURP students focusing on environmental planning or urban ecology and sustainability.
- As part of her estate gift to FSU, former College Dean Dr. Marie Cowart designated \$50,000 of the total value of the estate for the Marie Cowart Endowed Scholarship Fund in Social Sciences.
- Dean David Rasmussen made a pledge commitment of \$30,000 over five years to establish and fund the David W. Rasmussen Scholarship Endowment Fund to provide international travel awards for undergraduate international affairs and economics majors; recipients of the Rasmussen Scholarship who pursue a Master's degree in Applied Economics are eligible to be considered for the Rasmussen Graduate Scholarship Award in Applied Economics.
- Linda and Murray Stokely made a pledge commitment of \$25,000 over five years to establish and fund the Monica Stokely Memorial Scholarship Fund to provide annual travel awards for international affairs students to pursue foreign language training abroad.
- Mark Sobel contributed \$25,000 to the Irvin and Peggy Sobel Award Endowment Fund in the economics department.
- Friends of the late Michael J. Piette, who received his Ph.D. in Economics in 1977, contributed \$22,075 to the Dr. Michael J. Piette Graduate Scholarship Endowment Fund in the Economics Department.



The above list fails to adequately convey the direct impact and benefits to our students, faculty and programs which private support provides. Our students are and will continue to be the primary beneficiary of private support to the College, especially Annual Fund and Bellamy Society gifts that are spent during the current fiscal year. All gifts, regardless of size, do matter when they are combined to help make wonderful things happen and help facilitate young persons to change themselves and their world.

To each of our 2009-2010 donors and supporters as well as those who have supported the College in past years, thank you very much for your continued interest and generous support. We remain most grateful for and most appreciative of your wonderful efforts on behalf of our students, our faculty and the College.

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ALL COLLEGE ALUMNI TAILGATE:

Saturday November 6

*The tents will be located between Dick Howser and Doak Campbell Stadiums, just north of University Center A.*

We are excited to announce that President and Mrs. Barron will be hosting special guests and celebrating with us at the All College Alumni Tailgate this year. Please plan to join us and meet Eric and Molly Barron.

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